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Letter dated 24 October 1962 from the representative of Czechoslovakia addressed to the Secretary-General

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I have the honour to enclose the statement of the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic of 23 October 1962 concerning the blockade against Cuba and to request you that the statement be circulated as a United Nations document.

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the United Nations*

STATEMENT

1. On 22 October 1962, the President of the United States of America made a statement in which he announced that he had given orders to the armed forces of the United States of America to halt all ships bound for Cuba, to search them, to turn back those carrying cargo described by American authorities as "offensive" weapons and to extend this measure arbitrarily to affect also other types of cargo and carriers. By resorting to these measures, the United States have in fact imposed a blockade on Cuba.